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NEWS RELEASE:

Speaker Naize attends meeting with the Arizona Legislative Native American Caucus and Speaker Tobin



Speaker Johnny Naize talks with former Navajo Nation President and current Arizona District 2 Representative Albert Hale.

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Speaker Johnny Naize (Low Mountain, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tachee/Blue Gap, Tselani/Cottonwood) attended the Arizona Legislative Native American Caucus meeting, where the topic of discussion was the Navajo Generating Station (NGS), and he also met with Arizona House Speaker Andy Tobin.

The Caucus meeting was attended by Senator Jack Jackson, Jr., Representative Albert Hale, and Representative Sally Gonzales.

Presentations on NGS were given by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Salt River Project, Central Arizona Project, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, the Hopi Tribe, Black Mesa Trust, and the Sierra Club.

Although the Speaker did not address the Caucus, he was able to discuss matters around NGS with other leaders and interested parties.

After the Caucus meeting, Speaker Naize had a meet and greet with Speaker Tobin, the first time both speakers have met.

Speaker Naize, again, discussed NGS with Speaker Tobin and he stressed the importance of NGS's economic contribution to the Navajo Nation.

Speaker stated, "it is my responsibility, as a leader of the Navajo Nation, to ensure that our



Speaker Johnny Naize with Arizona Speaker of the House of Representatives Andy Tobin.

governmental and economic stability is maintained.”

“The Navajo Nation needs good jobs as well as clean air and it is our obligation to ensure that all concerns are addressed. Any impacts to NGS operation would adversely and directly impact the people and the Navajo government.”

Speaker Naize also expressed support for Representative Albert Hale’s (Arizona District 2) HB 2688. The bill deals with the Transaction Privilege Tax Revenues (TPT) and would take 50% of “monies received” to “be used by the Indian Tribe for telecommunications infrastructure development and for community development projects, including multipurpose buildings, infrastructure development and roads...”

Speaker Naize extended an invitation to Speaker Tobin to attend either the Spring or Summer Navajo Nation Council Session. Speaker Tobin stated he has been wanting to make a trip to the Navajo Nation and he looks forward to the opportunity to address council.

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